Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Lesson ID: 42881-54400

Title: 24TH MEU (SOC) OPERATIONS IN AND AROUND KISMAYO, SOMALIA

Operation/Exercise Name: RESTORE HOPE Observed: 28 Apr 1993

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

Ship-to-shore Intelligence Communications were inadequate in the initial stages of the operation.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Initial ship-to-shore intelligence communications relied on operational/logistical nets for transmission of information. Information passed through these nets was not necessarily relayed to the Joint Intelligence Center for analysis and dissemination in a timely manner. Once a dedicated Very High Frequency (VHF) Intelligence net was established communications to the JIC were much improved. Establishment of this net allowed for timely and responsive exploitation of intelligence and information.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

There should be a dedicated Intelligence net early on in the operation that includes a High Frequency (HF) frequency for transmission of KL-43 messages.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Establish dedicated Intelligence nets early in the operation.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.